



### Inspection Report

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Carson and Barnes Circus Co.  
2694 E. 2070 Rd.  
Hugo, OK 74743

Customer ID: **3954**  
Certificate: **73-C-0001**  
Site: TRA  
Carson and Barnes Circus

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 01-MAY-2024

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#### 3.125(a)

##### Facilities, general.

On April 16, 2024, Viola, a female Asian elephant (54), escaped while being bathed outside the Butte-Silver Bow Civic Center in Butte, MT while traveling with the Jordan World Circus. Two elephants, Viola and Isa, were being bathed outside in a U-shaped area closed off by section of steel crowd control fencing with four attendants present. A pickup truck with loud pipes/backfire startled everyone. Viola was nearest the fence and knocked it down and started walking west along civic center drive. Two handlers immediately followed Viola while the other elephant was secured, and one handler remained with her. With three attendants closely following, Viola walked along the north edge of the civic center, into the road and then back onto the east side of the street reaching a green lawn where she started calmly grazing and remained until the trailer was brought around. Viola was loaded onto her trailer without incident. The entire event took about 12-19 minutes. No human injuries occurred. Viola was examined by a veterinarian, found to be free of injury or distress and cleared for performances the same day. The elephant could have been injured or caused injury as it walked along the city street. Elephants must be housed in enclosures which are structurally sound and in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.  
To be corrected by 5/2/2024.

The evening performance of the circus was observed on April 30, 2024. Two Asian elephants, Viola and Isa (both F, 54 years old), were inspected at the Central Wyoming Fairgrounds, Casper WY on May 1st, 2024. This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the elephant handler.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3954	73-C-0001	TRA	Carson and Barnes Circus	01-MAY-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	ASIAN ELEPHANT
000002	<b>Total</b>	